Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24/July 7)

Troparion - Tone 4

O Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ,
although we cannot praise you worthily,
we honor you in love at your nativity,
by which you ended your father's silence
and broke your mother's barrenness. Preaching to the world
the incarnation of the Son of God.

Nativity of St. John the Baptist: Kontakion - Tone 3

The barren woman has become fertile:
today she gives light to the forerunner of Christ.
He is the greatest and last of the prophets:

standing in the waters of Jordan, he placed his hands on Christ, Whom all the prophets foretold.

The ranks of the prophets are made complete with him the forerunner and preacher of God the Word.

Nativity of St. John the Baptist: Prokeimenon - Tone 7

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and hope in Him.
Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29/July 12)

**Troparion - Tone 4**

O first enthroned of the apostles!

Teachers of the universe!

Entreat the Master of all
to grant peace to the world

and great mercy to our souls!

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**Kontakion - Tone 2**

O Lord, Thou hast taken up to eternal rest

and to the enjoyment of Thy blessings

the two preachers of divine truth

and leaders of the apostles,
for Thou hast accepted their labors and deaths as a sweet smelling sacrifice,

O Only Searcher of the hearts of men.

Sts. Peter and Paul: Prokeimenon - Tone 8

Their proclamation has gone out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the universe.
Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel (July 13/26)

Troparion - Tone 4 (see pg. 307)

Kontakion - Tone 2

Looking at the glory of God in heaven and the grace coming down on earth,

O Leader of angels, the wise Gabriel, the servant of the glory of God,

and the divinely inspired contend er for the world:

Save and preserve those who cry to you,

be our helper and no one will prevail against us.

Prokeimenon - Tone 4

He makes His angels spirits,

and His ministers a flaming fire.

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The Holy Glorious Prophet Elijah (July 20/Aug 2)
Troparion - Tone 4

O angelic of body; pillar of the prophets and their cornerstone; therefore runner of the second coming of Christ; Elisha to dispel sickness and purify lepers. Therefore, you abound with healing to those who honor or you.

St. Elijah: Kontakion - Tone 2

O glorious prophet Elijah who foresaw the glories of God,
by your command the rains were withheld from the earth.

As you bound the clouds of heaven by your word,

so by your intercession

loosen the bond of our many sins.

St. Elijah: Prokeimenon - Tone 4

Thou art a priest for ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.

St. Panteleimon (July 27/Aug 9)

Troparion - Tone 3

Holy and victorious Panteleimon the healer,

intercede with our merciful God, that He may grant

us the remission of our sins.
St. Panteleimon: Kontakion - Tone 5

Having emulated God’s mercy, you have received from Him the power of healing, O contester and martyr of Christ God.

By your prayers heal our spiritual diseases constantly driving away the originator of temptations from those who faithfully sing:

"Save us, O God!"

St. Panteleimon: Prokeimenon - Tone 4

God is wonderful in His saints, the God of Israel!
The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Aug 6/Aug 19)

Troparion - Tone 7

Thou wast transfigured on the Mount,

O Christ God,

Revealing Thy glory to Thy disciples as far as they could bear it.

Let Thine everlasting light shine upon us sinners! Through the prayers of the Theotokos,

O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

The Transfiguration: Kontakion - Tone 7

On the mountain wast Thou transfigured,

O Christ God,
and Thy disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it;

so that when they would behold Thee crucified,

they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim

to the world that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

The Transfiguration: Prokeimenon - Tone 4

O Lord how manifold art Thy works!

In wisdom hast Thou made them all!
Magnify, O my soul, the Lord who was transfigured on Mount Tabor!

Your birth-giving was incorruptible!

God came from your bodily and appeared on earth in the flesh,
dwelling among men.

Therefore, we magnify you, O Theotokos!
The Falling Asleep of the Most Holy Theotokos (Aug 15/Aug 28)

Troparion - Tone 1

In giving birth you preserved your virginity!

In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos! You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, and by your prayers you deliver our souls from death!

The Falling Asleep of the Theotokos: Kontakion - Tone 2

Neither the tomb, nor death, could hold the Theotokos, who is constant in prayer and in firm hope in the intercessions.
For being the Mother of Life,
she was translated to life by the One who dwelt in her Virginal womb.

The Falling Asleep of the Theotokos: Prokeimenon - Tone 3

My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!
The Falling Asleep of the Theotokos: Irmos - Tone 1

The angels were struck with wonder,
as they looked upon the dormition of the Virgin. Seeing how the Virgin went up from earth to heaven.

The limits of nature are overcome in you,

O Pure Virgin: for birthgiving remains virginal and life is united to death!

A virgin after childbearing and alive

after death! You ever save your inheritance, O Theotokos.
The Beheading of St. John the Baptist (Aug 29/Sept 11)

Synaxis Troparion - Tone 2 (see pg. 347)

Kontakion - Tone 5

The beheading of the Forerunner became an act of God's providence!

By his martyrdom John was able to herald the Saviour's coming to those in the tombs.

Let Herodias's lament and weep,

for she asked for his murderer,

preferring fleshly pleasures to eternal life and God's holy law.

Prokeimenon - Tone 7

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and hope in Him.
Feast of All Serbian Saints (Aug 30/Sept 12)

Troparion - Tone 4

O God-bearing fathers and hierarchs,
we ask you, as our Serbian enlighteners,
as true shepherds and patriarchs,
as genuine guardians of apostolic tradition, as solid pillars,
as teachers of Orthodoxy:

Be seech Christ, the Master of All,
to grant peace to the whole world
and abundant mercy to our souls.

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You spent your life on the throne of hierarchs honorably,
and guided your people toward wisdom,
properly pleasing God.

Wherefore, you were glorified by Him
through incorruption and miracles,
as benefactors
of divine grace.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
Hymn to Serbian Saints - Tone 5
after a setting by Proto Mihailo Popovich
(translation by V. Rev. Dr. Mateja Matejich)

Holy Serbian Enlighteners and Teachers,

and venerable Princes and Emperors and Kings,

Simeon the Myhrr-Stream, Sava Equal to the Apostles,

Stephen the First Crowned,

King Vladislav and Sava the Second,

together with highly praised Theoktist,

Venerable Milutin, Nikodim, Danilo, with the,

most wise Eustathie,

Most wonderful in suffering, Stephen the glory of

Dechani, and honorable Urosh,
most glorious and great

Prince Lazar who has shed your blood for your faith and Homeland.

Let us hymn the highly praised empresses, princesses and wives of Despot Elena, Anastasia,

and Angelina;

holy Despots Georgije, Stephen,

Maksim and Ioanan glory of the monastery of Srem and Krushedol.

Saint Peter of Korish, Ioaniki of Devich,

Prohor of Pchinya, Ioan.
of Rila, holy wonder-workers

Naum, David, Gavril of Lesnovo,

Hilarion of Osogovo,

Saint Vasilije, wonder-worker of Zaholmsk,

Paisius of Belgrade and deacon Avakum.

Saint Nikolai of Zicha and Ochrid,

we venerate and glorify all of you

as mighty pillars, and protectors of the Serbian people.

O Fathers and good Shepherds, direct the

Homeland toward the haven of salvation

and ask God for peace for our nation.